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EDITORIAL.

"NEW brooms" in the editorial sanctum will naturally resolve to sweep clean, and yet how often it happens that before the year has passed the editor's chair seems filled only with pre-Adamitic dust. It will avail nothing to formulate plans whose success is doubtful, nor will it be satisfactory to our readers to have their expectations unduly raised and later discover that the climax is at this end of the year. The new board realizes its responsibility in taking the paper after such a successful year as the past has been; yet we trust that efforts at least will not be open to criticism though the results may be meagre.

THE recent convention of Latin teachers was one of pleasure and profit to the students of the college, since it gave an opportunity to hear many of the leading educators of the state talk upon subjects in which every college man should be well and broadly grounded. Many of us had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of several of the visitors, and from their conversation and the reports we have since heard, we believe that the college and the collegians made an exceedingly good impression. We certainly received one.

NO enterprise can succeed without financial support, and if such support cannot be obtained by subscription, it seems to us that it should be gotten by direct tax on every collegian. We say this in regard to athletics especially. Every student, weak or strong, makes athletics his, he brags of "our" ball-team, but does he play among or help support our conquering—or defeated—heroes? Many colleges impose a good sized tax for general or special athletics, and sooner or later this must become at least a part solution of Middlebury's financial problem.

THE cry "Middlebury lacks college spirit" has been often repeated and doubtless justly at times. This lack is occasionally found at any college. Was it not this last fall that an "enthusiasm meet" was held at New Haven to revive the drooping "Yale spirit" popularly supposed to be perennial? This lack of united ardor is generally due to defeated college undertaking—especially in athletics, to disunion among the undergraduates, or to lack of interest among the alumni. None of these causes can be said to exist at present in Middlebury. While we write, the shouts of the coach lead our thoughts astray as he trains what promises to be the best ball team that "old Midd" has ever put upon the diamond. But a few days ago the ball field was covered with enthusiastic men "skinning" the diamond, and a few evening's since as we stepped hurriedly across the campus at a rather late—and unusual—hour, we stumbled upon the stakes that locate the library so soon to be erected, the proof of an alumnus' interest. At no time in Middlebury's history has success so crowned and promised to crown her efforts; at no time has her undergraduate life been more harmonious; never have her alumni been more loyal. Surely Middlebury does not now lack college spirit.

as amateur actors. The play had many local allusions in it, which added to the mirth. The cast of characters was as follows:

"ME" ROSILLA TEWKSBURY, of Monkton,	Miss GRACE M. POTTER, '99
OTIS TEWKSBURY,	Mr. GEO. W. STONE, '99
Dick Davis, Middlebury College (fond of football and girls)	Mr Roy L. Howard, '99
Byron Makepeace Thornton (his roommate, not fond of football or girls)	Mr. E. J. Waterman, '99
Samuel Skullyun (hired man),	Mr. Fred H. Bryant, '00
Mr. Thomas (a chappy),	Mr. Homer L. Skeels, '98
Elizabeth Tewksbury,	Miss Florence C. Allen, '98
Florence Follet, of Middlebury,	Miss Katherine C. Gove, '00
Miss Sophronia Ruggles (her maiden aunt),	Miss Cecile Childs, '01

The play was followed by a dance, with music by Vittum's orchestra.

On Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, there will be at the college a convention of teachers of Latin of the preparatory schools in Vermont. There will be a preliminary meeting on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The first regular session will be at 2 p. m., and in the evening Professor Sanford will give an informal lecture on Horace and his time, in the chapel. The class in Horace will imitate in a simple way the singing of a Roman chorus and the costumes of the Romans in the time of Augustus. The subject will be illustrated by lantern slides. It is to be regretted on occasions like this that the limited seating capacity of the chapel prevents the invitation of the general public to be present. The final meeting will be held Saturday morning from 8:30 to 11:30. The topics of discussion in the meetings will be practical, relating to class-room methods in preparatory school work. The important subject will be the discussion of the report of the New England Commission of Schools and Colleges on entrance examinations. A complete report of the meetings will be published in the next number of THE UNDERGRADUATE.

EXCHANGES.

I hear that you are untrue to me, but when I look at your back hair I know that it is false.

GAVE THEM LATIN.

Andrew Jackson was once making a stump speech in a small village out west. Just as he was finishing, Amos Kendall, who sat near him, whispered, "Tip 'em a little Latin, General; they won't be contented without it." The man of the iron will instantly thought upon the few phrases he knew, and in a voice of thunder wound up with "E pluribus unum, sine qua non, ne plus ultra, multum in parvo." The effect was tremendous, and the shout of the Hoosiers could be heard for miles.

CONDENSED POETRY.

"Boil it down" is a pretty good newspaper maxim, but even a newspaper maxim needs to be obeyed with discretion.

Charles Metcalf, who has been writing advertisements for a drama in New York city, had an unpleasant experience in connection with a compositor of one of the great dailies in that city. Metcalf wrote a poetical advertisement, as follows:

From half-past eight till half-past ten,
You laugh and laugh and laugh again.

Imagine his surprise when a matter-of-fact compositor set up the advertisement and it appeared:—

From 8.30 to 10.30,
You laugh and laugh and laugh again.

—*Live Matter.*

If you've got a thought that's happy,
Boil it down;
Make it short and crisp and snappy,
Boil it down;
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
If you want your effort printed,
Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter,
Boil it down;
Fewer syllables the better,
Boil it down;
Make your meaning plain—express it
So we'll know, not merely guess it:
Then, my friend, ere you address it,
Boil it down.

Boil out all the extra trimmings,
Boil it down;
Skim it well, then skim the skimmings—
Boil it down;
When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
Cut another sentence in two,
Send it on and *we'll begin* to
Boil it down.

president of Wheaton College. There he remained with increasing success until 1852, when on account of overwork, his health failed and he resigned. His place is now filled with great favor by his son, Rev. Dr. Charles Blanchard.

He died in Wheaton, Ill., May 15, 1892, and is buried there by the side of his honored wife, who preceded him by two years to the better land.

Pres. Blanchard would not receive an honorary degree; he was a very vigorous opponent of Free Masonry: was a very strong and vigorous preacher. The writer remembers that his visits to Middlebury, where he had found his wife, were always welcomed by the students, who recognized him as a son of thunder. He was one of the positive forces in the anti-slavery cause. He was a pronounced Congregationalist, a sturdy and quickening teacher, and in every respect a marked man, almost of the John Brown type.

OF INTEREST TO BOTANISTS.

Prof. Burt delivered a lecture before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society on Saturday, Mar. 19. His subject was "The Resistance of Plants to Parasitic Fungi." The lecture was delivered on the John Lewis Russell foundation. We give the opening words of an abstract in the Boston Transcript.

"Fungi are plants with the vegetative body not differentiated into stem and leaves. They do not contain the green grains called chlorophyll and they are propagated by spores. There is of late so much said of the destructive work of parasitic fungi that one may not conclude that all fungi exist only to cause disease or death of plants. When the horticulturist sees his plants ruined by rust, the damping-off fungus, mildew and the like, and realizes that all these troubles are due to fungi, he sees small compensation in the mushrooms he has raised and concludes that fungi could be well spared from the world.

"Fungi have an important and a peculiar work in the world's economy. The green plants are constantly converting the inorganic matter of the soil into material for their own use. Only a small part of this material is used as food by animals, and is broken up into simpler compounds and returned to the soil.

"At the end of the season the unused plant matter remains to accumulate on the ground, and if left untouched, in the form of dead leaves or wood, this matter would be of no value to the soil, and its stores of carbon, nitrogen, etc., could not be used in that form as food for green plants. Decay must take place first. Fungi are the causes of decay, and they, in forms ranging from bacteria to mushrooms, attack the decaying vegetable material and make prompt return to the soil of the plant and animal remains which would otherwise be withheld from it.

"While most fungi are saprophytes and have to do only with dead organic matter, still many are found with living organisms, especially the higher plants. In some cases the higher plant suffers by the contact and then we apply the term parasitic to the fungus; in other cases the higher plant, or even both organisms, gain by the association, which is then called symbiotic. As to the latter relation, it has long been known that leguminous crops increase the nitrogeneous matter in the soil and so are of advantage in the rotation of crops. The nitrogen in these compounds is from the air circulating through the soil, and it is only within a dozen years that it has been established that the fixation of the nitrogen in these compounds is due to the presence in the soil of fungi of a low order. At these points where the fungi touch the leguminous roots small tubercules form, yielding nitrogeneous matter to the roots, and appear to receive starch compounds in return. This is probably one of the greatest discoveries of the century. There are also indications that other plants and some trees, as the Coniferæ, growing in a soil largely composed of humus, and which are deficient in root hairs, are clothed instead with a fungous growth of mycorhiza. Evidently the fungus supplies food derived from the humane to the higher plant."

Professor Burt spent the spring recess at Cambridge in work on the Thelephoraceae, a family of Basidiomycetes Professor Farlow very kindly gave him a room for work in the Cryptogamic Laboratories and access to the Harvard collections, including the Curtis Herbarium, rich in authentic specimens from Schweinitz, Berkeley and Curtis, Ravenel and others.

On Tuesday, Apr. 5, he addressed the Harvard Botanical club on "Fleshy Fungi of Vermont." In addition to the members of the club the audience contained other members of Harvard and Radcliffe and members of the Boston Mycological club

PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATORS.

JONATHAN BLANCHARD, '32.

By Pres. J. E. Rankin, Howard University.

President Jonathan Blanchard was born on a farm in Rockingham, Vt., January 19, 1811. He attended school from the age of four to eight, walking a mile each way. Then he took his place as boy helper on the farm. At fifteen, he went to the academy in Chester then taught by U. C. Burnap, a graduate of Middlebury. Two years later, he entered Middlebury college. His father, also Jonathan Blanchard, did not like his plan of a liberal education, and so Jonathan Junior subsisted in college largely upon crackers and water, supplemented by dried beef, given him by the wife of a blacksmith, who was cognizant of his struggles with poverty. When he graduated his father relented, and brought him across the mountain $250 as a graduating present. He spent two years as assistant in Plattsburg Academy and then went to Andover Theological Seminary. There he encountered the anti-slavery agitation. George Thompson of England spoke several times to the students on the guilt of slavery and the complicity of the North in the crime. Mr. Blanchard at once broke away from all the conservatives among the students and professors, and became an avowed abolitionist. After two years at Andover he entered the lecture field, as representative of the American Anti-Slavery society, under the guidance of such men as the Tappans, Beriah Green, Theodore Weld and others. He was assigned to Pennsylvania with Harrisburg as his headquarters. During his labors, he visited nearly every town afterwards visited by the confederates in their invasion of that state under Gen. Robt. E. Lee. In a single month twenty-five of his twenty-eight meetings were broken up by a mob, and many attempts were made upon his life. Having determined to cast in his lot with the great West, he went to Lane Seminary under Drs. Lyman Beecher and Calvin E. Stowe to complete his theological course. It was just after "the Lane Rebels", as they were called, had gone through the woods to Oberlin. During his studies in Cincinnati, he preached to two colored churches, and finally in 1837 became the pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian church, where he remained till 1846, a so-called "nigger" church, though no colored men or women were members. During the nine years of his pastorate he admitted 900 members. Years afterwards when his son Pres. Charles Blanchard visited Cincinnati, the president of the board of trade greeted him thus: "Your father was the first man that spoke a kind word to me, when I was an ignorant Irish lad just landed in America."

About this time the trustees of Knox college, a new enterprise struggling for endowments and pupils, became acquainted with Mr. Blanchard and requested him to undertake the superintendence of that institution. He closed his labors with the Sixth church, sold a portion of his goods, loaded the remainder on a steamer, and with his wife and two daughters started down the Ohio for Illinois. It was late in the season and the Mississippi was full of ice. Saturday night they had reached Cape Gerardeau, Mo. They had never traveled on Sunday, and after some discussion they ordered their goods put ashore. One of the children was sick and he himself had been attacked in Covington, Ky., because he was an avowed abolitionist. The river closed that night, as the captain of the boat had predicted, and as Mr. Blanchard expected. On Monday morning he bought two horses, a lumber wagon, two buffalo robes, and putting his wife and children in among the bedding, they started across the state of Illinois to Knox College. The weather was thawing and freezing, the road was sometimes impassable, but at last, through mud and slush, they rolled down the main street of Galesburg. Among the members of the senior class to give the new president welcome were Dr. J. E. Roy, Rev. G. Smith and Holyoke.

The next fourteen years were years of intense struggle. But buildings were erected, eighteen quarter-sections of land were given by a single friend. This gift was husbanded, and ultimately it became the source of large revenue. During his last year there were enrolled four hundred and fifty students. In Cincinnati Pres. Blanchard had been a Presbyterian. In Galesburg he found his place again in the denomination of his birth and his preference. Though Dr. Edward Beecher had been a member of the Presbytery, when he came to Illinois he cast in his lot with the Congregational association. But the time of prosperity brought discussion on the subject of the denomination of the college and Pres. Blanchard withdrew from the contest to become

dealt largely with the comparative merits of the earlier books which classified constructions artificially and the modern books with miscellaneous constructions based upon Latin texts, the prevailing opinion seeming to be that the modern method is more conducive to the strengthening of the pupil's judgment. The relative importance of the literary and syntactical phases of Latin study was next treated by Principal Howes, of the Brandon High School, who summed up his attitude in a syllogism: the most important phase of any study should be made most prominent; the literary phase of Latin study is the most important phase; the literary phase should be made most prominent.

Principal Morrill, of Bakersfield, next considered the relation of science studies to language studies, pleading for a symmetrical development and advocating earlier and broader science work to train students into a closer sympathy with their surroundings. In the discussion which followed, several speakers, including Prof. Henckels and Prof. McGilton, expressed their views upon this important topic. Principal Crawford, of the Bellows Falls High School, in introducing a discussion as to the teaching of English grammar through the Latin, argued strongly in favor of instruction in the broad syntactic principles which are Latin and English alike, and also for earlier introduction of Latin study. A few words were devoted by him and other speakers who followed to the modern English grammars and their constant change of phraseology.

As the session drew to a close it seemed to be the wish of everyone to hear from the college professors, for the important object for which the convention was called was to acquaint preparatory teachers with the admission requirements of colleges and the wishes of college teachers in respect to that preparation. President Brainerd, Profs. Eaton, Howard, Wright, McGilton and Henckels of Middlebury and Prof. Goodrich of the University of Vermont were listened to with great interest during the discussions or at the close of the convention. All the sessions were presided over by Prof. Sanford, who supplemented the proceedings of its members with suggestions drawn from his own experience and with exhibitions of books, apparatus and methods employed by him at Middlebury and in preparatory schools. The impression made upon the visiting teachers by the entire convention was certainly a happy one and a valuable one for Middlebury. Many of the visitors took occasion during the session to express surprise and pleasure at learning that the college is so well in the front in educational matters.

The crowning feature of the programme was the entertainment of Friday evening, and for its exceptional success the sophomore class is to be given the highest praise. That class reads the odes of Horace in the winter term, and with this reading a broad knowledge of literature and a good acquaintance with Roman home life is acquired. The entertainment of Friday evening consisted of an illustrated presentation, by Prof. Sanford, of the Rome of the days of Augustus, and the singing of three odes by the sophomore class, dressed in complete Roman costume to represent a Roman chorus. The chapel was filled with the visiting teachers, students, and the few townspeople for whom room could be found. Of the illustrated lecture we will but say that we have never seen the views surpassed, and Prof. Sanford's remarks, although largely extempore and consisting almost wholly in comments on the pictures, were in the highest degree interesting, because of his intimate acquaintance with Rome and its surroundings Of the Roman chorus we will speak in more detail.

Prof. Sanford's first suggestion to the class was that they should sing an ode of Horace, but from this first suggestion came many others. The class was enthusiastic and willing, music was arranged and work begun. Then some one proposed togas, some one else said full Roman costume, another suggested a class ode in Latin, and another a class "Io Triumphe" song. With the development of these ideas came numerous difficulties, which were all overcome by constant work and patience. The costumes were in all particulars faithful to the originals; from the dressing of the laurel-crowned hair to the lacing of the sandals, accuracy of portrayal was the prime consideration. Careful study of pictures and statues by Prof. Sanford and his assistant "costume committee" secured a faithfulness of imitation that made the clothing really Roman in all save materials. Cheesecloth was employed in making the garments, that being the best cheap material which will adapt itself to the proper folds and shapes. In the cutting of the garments little difficulty was found after securing the first pattern, but that was a toilsome task. To Prof. Sanford and to Miss Dean and Miss Parker, of the class, the credit of solving this problem belongs.

Introductory reference was made to the general botanical activity in Vermont and then more detailed consideration was given to the fleshy fungi. Although collections have been made so far from only comparatively limited portions of the state, nevertheless a large and very interesting fungus flora has been found. This was regarded as due to favorable climatic conditions, such as rainfall, range of altitude from lowlands of Otter creek and Lake Champlain to rugged slopes of Mt. Mansfield and Green Mountains, and to conditions ranging within a few miles from urban fungi and those of cultivated fields to the rarer species of primitive mountain forests and peat bogs. The geological nature of the region was pointed out as ranging from schists and granitoid outcrops of the Green Mountains through limestone outcrops of the Otter creek to such Cambrian sandrock mosses as Grand View Mountain. And in addition, soil of glacial origin also adds to the complexity of the region for plant life. The unusual combination of conditions outlined gives to Vermont a remarkably varied fungus flora.

The larger part of the hour was then taken up in the consideration of species of fungi characteristic of such representative regions as Lake Dunmore, Bread Loaf and Abby Pond region, Chipman Hill and the vicinity of Middlebury, Grand View Mountain, the Burlington region, and Mt. Mansfield.

LATIN REVIVIFIED.

A convention of Latin teachers of Vermont fitting schools was held in the College Chapel Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, March 11 and 12. The convention was called by Prof. Sanford for the purpose of bringing Latin men together, so that through their interchange of ideas there might be more uniformity in methods and better preparation in the secondary schools. Over twenty visitors responded to the invitation, including some of the most successful educators in the state, and the discussions that resulted were lively and profitable to the teachers themselves and to the many students who attended the sessions. Since so many undergraduates become teachers upon leaving college, such a convention of practical educators is full of suggestion and help to them and we hope to see more such gatherings in Middlebury.

At the opening meeting Friday afternoon, President Brainerd in a few well chosen words welcomed the visitors. The business of the convention was then promptly begun. Principal Hoyt (Middlebury, '89) of the Middlebury High School presented a paper on the relation of Latin syntax to Latin literature as a practical problem in high schools and academies. He advised somewhat literal translation in advance, but in review a rendering in freer, more idiomatic language; in other words, he would employ the advance for syntax and the review for training in English. Prof. Hoyt was questioned somewhat as to the relative time devoted to review and advance work, and various other problems were submitted to him by his hearers. Miss Smith, preceptress of the Middlebury High School, next treated the importance of a historical background in studying Latin, pointing out its necessity and advocating the graphic method of presentation. A spirited discussion followed, as to whether history should be a separate study, doubt being expressed by some as to the possibility of the teacher's having time for both. The closing feature of the afternoon programme, and perhaps the most important point considered by the convention, had to do with the recommendations of the Commission of New England Colleges on Entrance Examinations, which Middlebury has been among the first to adopt. Prof. Eaton gave the history of the Commission, of which he was for several years the Middlebury representative. Although Prof. Eaton confined himself wholly to facts and figures, his remarks were very interesting, since they explained a subject so little understood by most of the students and many of the teachers present. Principal Botsford, of Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt., followed with a paper on "The report of the New England Commission, a step in the right direction." He argued against the old-time "quantity" drudgery for college admittance and in favor of the "quality" test as pointed toward by the report. Prof. Botsford, who is a Williams man, expressed his admiration of Middlebury's attitude on entrance qualifications and especially commended Prof. Sanford's ideals on that subject in the Latin department, as set forth in the college catalogue.

At the Saturday morning session the first paper was by Prof. Billings (Midd., '86), of Troy Conference Academy, Poultney. Its subject was "How much time shall be given to Latin prose during the first and second years?" The resulting discussions

ECHOES FROM HORACE.

TOLLITE CARMEN.

O sodales, dulciter in canore
Elevate nunc animos ad astra
Lucida. Clare et recrepanter omnes
Tollite carmen.

Grate rebus propitiis juvantes
Continenter prospera jam precamur,
Gloriantes consoniore nostra
Societate.

Cantitamus semper 'Io Triumphe!'
Dum petentes culmina verticesque.
Acriter nunc scandimus interimque
Canite clare! —E. L. D.

LIBER III, CARMEN XIII: A PARAPHRASE.

O fount of Bandusia, crystalline flood,
Thine be my offering, thine be the blood
Of my herd's choicest offspring, who now bounds in delight,
And in vain would be conqueror in love and the fight.

Ah, fount of Bandusia, mirror of grace!
Heat of mid-summer knows not how to trace
To thy home 'mid the trees, where thy bosom's fair charms
To the herds offer peace and a rest from alarms.

Yes, fount of Bandusia, deathless for aye!
Fame shall be thine, for I sing in my lay
Of thy rock-rooted oak, 'neath whose shade rise thy streams,
Which dance down to the sunlight and laugh in its beams. —S. B. B.

SUGGESTED BY CARMEN XXXVIII. LIBERI.

Ise a ter'ble simple-tasted indiwidual,
A water-million's good enuff for me;
Ef it's only nice an' juicy,
An' sweet es dark-eyed Lucy,
Ise contented es a nigger well can be.

I don't care for foolishments of eny sort er kind,
Ner want a servant foolin' roun' fer me;
Ef whare it's nice an' shady,
I eats million wif my lady,
Ise contented es a nigger well can be.—S. B. B.

COMRADES.

BY HENRY R. DORR, '80.

Now from their slumber waking,—
The long sleep men thought death—
The War Gods rise, inhaling deep
The cannon's fiery breath!
Their mighty arms uplifted,
Their gleaming eyes aglow
With the steadfast light of battle,
As it blazed long years ago!

Now from the clouds they summon
The Captains of the Past,
Still sailing in their astral ships
The star-lit spaces vast;
And from Valhalla's peaceful plains
The Great Commanders come,
And marshal again their armies
To the beat of the muffled drum!

His phantom sails unfurling,
McDonough sweeps amain
Where once his Yankee sailors fought
The battle of Champlain!
And over Erie's waters,
Again his flagship sweeps,
While Perry on the quarter-deck
His endless vigil keeps.

Silent as mists that hover
When twilight shadows fall,
The ghosts of the royal armies
Foregather at the call;
And their glorious chiefs are with them,
From conflicts lost or won,
As they gather round one mighty shade,—
The shade of Washington!

The War Gods give their orders;
The serried hosts are gone
As mists recede from the valleys
With the coming of the dawn;
And they join the fleets and armies
Of their children's children, where
The thunder of war is breaking
On the tender April air!

Side by side with the warships
That sail for the hostile fleet,
The ships of the Past are sailing
And the dauntless comrades meet;

Several designs for sandals were made and used. A large part of the dress-making work was done by the girls of the class, though some of it was done by hired sempstresses.

The singing presented another hard problem. The class gave three songs, the twenty-first ode of the first book of Horace, which begins with the words, "Dianam tenerae dicite virgines," and two original songs by Miss Eveline L. Dean, of the class. The first of these latter, entitled "Tollite Carmen," was adopted as the class ode, and is given in another column; the second was evolved from an idea for a class yell, and is as follows:

Nectite Laurea!
Tollite, tollite carmen, Io!
Dicite plurimam laudem, Io!
"Millesimo nongentesimo,"
Nectite laurea.
Fundite voces concorditer
Sonateque dulciter, Io! Io!

Nectite frondea serta, Io!
Helices folia grata, Io!
"Millesimo nongentesimo,"
Candida lilia.
Spargite dulcem fragrantiam,
Induite lauream, Io! Io! Io!

The music for these odes was arranged by Miss Rena I. Bisbee and Miss Winifred L. Taft, of the class. Two of the selections were from Chopin and Schubert. Another problem was the question of accompaniment. At the first rehearsals the chapel organ was used, but as realism was approached in other lines, the incongruousness of a modern organ became apparent. The selection of some instrument or instruments to harmonize with, lead, and still not overpower the voices, was a difficult one, but at last the clarionet and flute were decided upon. Joseph A. Peck, '98, and A. D. Vittum, of Vergennes, played the instruments, and the unusual combination with the voices was weird and yet very pleasing. Instruments made from designs taken from Roman antiquities were carried by members of the chorus, but were not used for musical purposes. Prof. Henckels kindly trained the chorus, and his enthusiasm gave an added impulse to the class.

The presentation of the odes alternated with Prof. Sanford's lecture work during the evening. Previous to the entrance of the chorus the lecturer explained the Roman costume, the methods of putting on the toga, and other matters of interest relative to the Roman dress, and singing that the class was to present. It was a scene of rare impressiveness when the thirty-four singers and musicans moved slowly up the central aisles and grouped themselves on the platform. The rapt attention of the spectators was in itself proof of the beauty and interest of the representation. The singing, which was unison—there being no "parts" in Roman singing,—was of a high order, as there are many good singers in the class. The strange effect of the alternating or consonant male and female voices, which were well balanced, was very agreeab'e.

Later in the evening the members of the convention and the faculty were entertained in the Phrontisterion by the class of 1900—still arrayed in their Roman garments,—the reception being a pleasant close of a memorable "evening with Horace," to which the receivers of the following invitations on parchment, sealed and stamped, were asked:

CENTESIMA CLASSIS
COLLEGI MEDIOBVRIENSIS
S · P · D ·

Svmma · volvntate · te · invitamvs · vt · cvm · Horatio · Flacco · vespervm · A · D · V · Id · Mart · secunda · hora · A · D · MDCCCXCVIII · exigas

The pictures of the Roman chorus are now being taken by Mr. Jackson, well known to all Middlebury men of recent years. There are six groups, three of the women and three of the men. Each group is taken on a plate 11x14, and the resulting pictures will be joined together, making a continuous picture about seven feet long. This is undoubtedly the most unique class picture ever taken.

In conclusion, the many who aided Prof. Sanford and the class in carrying through so successful and so difficult an undertaking are deserving of some mention. A few have been named, but there are numerous "nameless" ones whose assistance, although not so conspicuous, was none the less valuable. To the class, which for a month, and in individual cases longer, worked for the success of this classic entertainment great credit is due, and to Prof. Sanford, with whom the plan of the convention originated and whose unremitting labor brought it to so successful a conclusion, are due the thanks and hearty congratulations of all who are interested in the welfare of Middlebury and the progress of learning and classic culture.

that everybody was determined to have a good time or know the reason why. A little after eight o'clock Col. Walker led the way to the banquet room and took his place, as master of the feast, at the head of the table which was shaped like a horse shoe—but without calks. At his right sat President Brainerd, at his left Gov. Stewart, and the others arranged themselves as they preferred. Grace was said by Dr. Boardman, and the serious business of the evening began. The menu was strolled leisurely through in the course of the next two hours to the accompaniment of jest and laugh and story that gave the best possible evidence of a successful trial trip banquet. Finally Col. Walker rapped for order and the second part of a conventional American banquet began. He spoke of the great personal pleasure it gave him to take part in this initial gathering and congratulated the New York Alumni upon the manifest success of the undertaking. After referring in affectionate terms to the old college, its work in the past and its present prosperity, he introduced President Brainerd who was received with great applause. Dr. Brainerd spoke briefly upon the changes that had taken place within this generation in connection with the institution, to its increased endowment, its enlarging numbers and its future prospects and needs, and concluded with an expression of his pleasure in meeting with the alumni upon this occasion. Colonel Walker, reading from the college catalogue and from the report of Professor Sanford's Latin symposium, and in the lighter vein that he so easily assumes, called out the following gentlemen, though perhaps not in the order here named. Professor Kellogg gave warm words of welcome and drew hope and inspiration from the contrasts between the dark days of the past and the bright ones of the present. Professor McGilton made a rattling good speech, judiciously compounded of sense and nonsense, through which any one could see that he would try and reconcile himself to a new Science Hall should any one insist upon building it. Mr. Vail told what had been done about the new library, and showed the sixth set of plans and the ones that had finally been approved by the library committee. Dr. Boardman, in response to the eloquent tribute paid to him by Professor Kellogg, made one of the brightest speeches of the evening. Governor Stewart, always witty, always wise, referred in feeling words to the hearty invitation that his friends in New York had sent him, and to the pleasure it gave him to be there. Mr. Wilds spoke as a business man to business men. Professor Howard said the strength and stability of any college was in its alumni. With alumni loyal, devoted, enthusiastic, the college was as solid as a rock; without them, as unstable as the sea. Mr. Gifford gave some specific proofs that Middlebury College was about the only college in the country, and closed his breezy remarks with a proposition that a permanent organization be then and there formed. This motion was enthusiastically adopted, and the following officers were forthwith elected:

President—Hon. Aldace F. Walker.

Sec. and Treas.—Mr. James F. McNaboe.

Executive Committe: Hon. A. B. Hepburn, chairman; Prof. Brainerd Kellogg, Mr. Jesse Stearns.

The following gentlemen were present:

Prof. J. W. Abernethy, '76.
Rev. George N. Boardman, '47.
Dr. H. B. Boice, '81.
President Ezra Brainerd, '64.
S. B. Cady, '80.
Dr. Frank Churchill, '84.
James T. Clark, '87.
George W. Ellis, '68.
W. W. Gay, '76.
James M. Gifford, '77.
A B. Hepburn, '71.
Prof. Walter E. Howard, '71.
Prof. Brainerd Kellogg, '58.
James F. McNaboe, '92.
C. B. F. Palmer, '83.
Prof. Samuel J. Preston, '82.
Lauren Redfield, '57.
Prof. Samuel Sheldon, '83.
R. H. Smith.
Henry Sanger Snow.
Jesse Stearns, '83.
Ex-Gov. John W. Stewart, '46.
H. P. Stimson, '77.
Col. Aldace F. Walker, '62.
Dr. Henry F. Walker, '60.
Charles M. Wilds, '75.
George M. Wright, '74.
Henry H. Vail, '60.
David McG. Means.
Prof. W. W. McGilton.

Letters of regret were read from Joel T. Rice, '53; D. J. Newland, '65; Edwin H. Higley, '68; and

And standing shoulder to shoulder,
The armed spirits come,
And march with our own battalions
To the beat of the muffled drum!

—Boston *Sunday Herald*, April 24.

ALUMNI NEWS.

[Any alumni or others who have old programs, announcements or papers of college interest would confer a favor on the college by sending them to Prof. M. R. Sanford. In view of the coming centennial, it is desired to collect a series of articles which would be of interest to graduates and friends of the college.]

[Contributions to this column are solicited from the alumni of the college. We shall always be glad to hear from you. Literary articles, verse, but above all reminiscences and news of alumni are desired. We intend to make this department the prominent feature of the UNDERGRADUATE.]

[The alumni will render a great service to the management by notifying the Business Manager of a change of address, should there be any. We have several names whose changed address we have discovered by mere accident, and there may be others to whom we are sending papers wrongly directed. Such notification will also be of assistance to the editor in obtaining alumni news.]

'36. James D. Butler, LL. D., celebrated his eighty-third birthday on March 15. Dr. Butler continues in good health and has contributed many articles to periodicals, besides delivering lectures. We have read with great interest an essay of his on "Codfish: Its Place in American History." Dr. Butler is still living in Madison, Wis. His sole surviving classmate is Hon. William Slade, of Middlebury.

'42. A memorial window was placed in the Congregational church of Middletown Springs, Vt., April 27, for Osborn Myrick, pastor 1866–1891. Since 1835 the pastorate has been held two-thirds of the time by Middlebury alumni; J. A. Avery, '28, 1835–41; B. W. Reynolds, '32, 1842–44; E. H. Caswell, '43, 1856; M. M. Martin, '61, 1864–65; Osborn Myrick, 42, 1866–91; Henry L. Bailey, '86, since 1891.

'47. From the Washington (D. C.) *Star* of the 30th of March we clip the following:

Prof. and Mrs. John W. Hunt were agreeably and completely surprised last night at their residence, 717 Irving street, N. W., by their many friends in celebration of their golden wedding. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, their parlors were filled to overflowing. Mr. Job Barnard, on behalf of the assembled guests, presented with fitting remarks to Prof. and Mrs. Hunt floral tributes and offerings in gold coin in commemoration of the event, reviewing the many changes that have taken place in our country's affairs during the eventful half century. Prof. Hunt replied in feeling terms, giving some facts in connection with his own life since 1848. Remarks were made by others present, notably, Mr. William R. Woodward of the District bar, who, as one of the trustees of the public schools at that time, told how the professor was called to teach the German school in the old engine building in 1865. Mr. Wm. Redin Woodward spoke as one of his pupils, Maj. L. P. Williams and Gen. Geo. W. Balloch as neighbors. Rev. Frank Sewall, pastor of the New Church, referred with feeling words to the Divine blessings that have followed the married couple through all these changing years. Mrs. Ellen S. Mussey, Dr. C. B. Gilbert, Dr. Rufus Choate, Miss Mary L. Barton and Mr. W. A. Gatley also spoke.

In a letter received last June from Prof. Hunt regretting his inability to be present at commencement to take part in the reunion of his class on its fiftieth anniversary, he says: "The idea of history repeating itself every fifty years, as in the case of the Junior Exhibition of March 30, 1897, is quite a pleasant one to me. How nice it would be if the manuscripts of 1847 could be produced and compared with the manuscripts of 1897, enabling us to note the mental status of classes fifty years apart, handling the same subjects; then we could easily discern whether "Broader college courses tend to make broader minds." This could be done if the college required each Junior to leave a duplicate of his production in the college archives. The same could be done with commencement efforts. It strikes me that such a course would have an excellent effect on the writers."

'56. Prof. Charles M. Mead, who has resigned the chair of Riley professor of Christian theology at the Hartford Theological seminary, will for the present remain in Hartford. He has devolved upon him a large share of the work of the American committee on the revision of the Bible, which will occupy his time largely until the summer of 1899. The revision of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, was prepared by an English and an American committee working in concert. It was impossible, after the work had been completed, for the two committees

tion in the noble company of forest and mountain and the activities that belonged to them. Thenceforth his life was that of the private citizen concerned only in his own affairs. Respected and esteemed wherever he was known, kindly in all the relations of life, seeking no publicity but shunning it, he never lost a friend or made an enemy. He held no office except that he once or twice represented his town in the Legislature. But through all his years he was a gentleman and a scholar in the best meaning of those much abused terms. Not a scholar it is true in the technical sense, busy in research and adding to the stores of human knowledge, but one in whom the fine culture of ripened scholarship had become habitual, and shone in the quality of his mind, the trend of his everyday thought, and the charm of his speech. He belonged to a class of men who came in considerable number from Middlebury college during the regime of President Bates, and were singularly alike in mind and character. However separated in residence and employment, they were always united in steadfast adherence to the old cool-headed conservative general principles, moral, intellectual and political.

Mr. Sherman was fortunate and happy in his domestic relations, and leaves surviving him several children and a number of grandchildren. Though he struggled always more or less against physical malady, and died in his eighty-fourth year, he never grew old, but carried his youth through all his life in mind, heart and temper, manly, cheerful and kindly to the last. He is buried in Richford, Vt.

For such lives we should not in this noisy age lose our reverence, nor reckon their success by their visible trophies. If they have fought no great fight, they have kept the faith, and perhaps when finished here are only begun. For them there should be no sorrow.

"The bad man's death it well becomes to weep;
Not so the just."

CHI PSI CONVENTION.

The fifty-seventh convention of the Chi Psi fraternity was held April 11–13 at Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, Hinman, '98, being the Middlebury representative. Elbridge T. Gerry of the Gerry Society was again re-elected president of the fraternity. On the evening of the twelfth a "Smoker" was held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Chi Psi Alumni Association, together with the Cornell and Rutgers chapters The annual banquet occurred on the following evening. Among the after-dinner speakers were E. T. Gerry and Edwin Stewart, Pay Master General of the U. S. Navy. A telegram was read from Hon. Thomas B. Reed, expressing his regret at his inability to be present.

TO OUR PATRONS.

For the past year a change in the form and character of the UNDERGRADUATE has been considerably discussed. A change is desirable for two reasons: First, from the financial standpoint; second, from the editorial standpoint. In regard to the first point we will only say that for several years the UNDERGRADUATE has not been a paying institution, and a change which will make it a financially sound and safe paper is especially desirable. In regard to the second point, we feel that the UNDERGRADUATE needs more undergraduate material. The alumni department is, and should be, our strong feature, but side by side, with the writings of our elders, we would like to see the productions of the coming alumni. For these reasons and to these ends, we design publishing the UNDERGRADUATE twice each term, six times a year. We trust that the change will be one resulting in the paper's betterment and our readers' added pleasure.

A GOOD BEGINNER.

Last Saturday Middlebury met R. E. C. I. in a game of seven innings, with a resulting score of 17–0 in favor of Middlebury. The visitors played a loose game, and our boys' work was very good, with one or two exceptions. Wells and Skeels were the battery for Middlebury; Leamy and W. Potter for R. E. C I. We insert so short a notice because our last form is just going to press.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Hon. William Slade, class of 1836, has added several valuable works in Italian literature to his recent gifts to the library.

Prof. Howard has presented the library with a set of unbound numbers of the St. Albans *Vermonter* (illustrated), commencing with the first number issued. He will also place the current numbers, as published, in the library reading room.

Rev. Arthur B. Potter, pastor of the Baptist church of Middlebury, has presented the library with a copy of Tourgee's "Appeal to Cæsar." From Dr. J. A. Coles of Deerhurst, Scotch Plains, N. J., the library has also received "Life and teachings of our Lord

We learn through Mr. Allen that Gard Maynard, who was with '88 at Middlebury for one year and was graduated from Yale in '88, died during the past winter.

'90. Rev. John M. Thomas of the Arlington Avenue church, East Orange, N. J., has been elected to represent his presbytery at the coming General Assembly which meets at Warsaw, Ind., May 19.

'90. Dr. Albert D. Mead is assistant director of the Fish Commission building at Wood's Hall, Mass. Prentiss, '96, who is now at Harvard, will spend part of his spring vacation with Mr. Mead in collecting specimens for his work in zoology.

'91. The rising physician of Dayton, O., seems to be Dr. D. G. Reilly. At the banquet of the Associated Divisions of the A. O. H. and Ladies' Auxiliary held recently in that city, Dr. Reilly responded eloquently to the toast, "Our Fraternity." The Dayton papers devote much space and praise to the doctor's effort. We have had occasion several times of late to speak of Dr. Reilly's rapid rise, and are glad to be able in this issue to present his picture to our readers.

'91. At the annual banquet of the Buffalo society of Vermonters held in Buffalo at the Hotel Niagara, Feb. 12, T. H. Noonan responded to the toast, "The Organization". Mr. Noonan is secretary of the association.

'94. Stanton S. Eddy, for the past year connected with the Boston City Hospital, has obtained by competitive examination, a two years' appointment on the official staff of that institution. His duties will give him successive six months' service as Externe, Junior Interne, Senior Interne, and House Surgeon.

'95. Rev. C. L. Leonard of Poultney, Vt., delivered his lecture on "Life in the U. S. Navy, or Three Years before the Mast" in the first Methodist church of Albany, N. Y., on the evening of March 9th last. The Albany newspapers gave full accounts of the lecture, which they pronounced very interesting and entertaining. The recent interest in naval affairs has made Mr. Leonard's subject a popular one and we understand that he has been in considerable demand on the platform.

'96. Guy C. Lamson, who has been studying at the Rochester Theological Seminary, has accepted a call from the Baptist Church of Walworth, N. Y. Mr. Lamson has been supplying pulpits almost continuously, and has done considerable lecturing on religious and temperance work. This call is the result of a visit to Walworth. He was given a large reception on his arrival in town and enters upon his work under the best of circumstances. He will still remain at the Theological Seminary, when that is in session.

'97. Cadwell, Haydon and Whitney were here at Junior Ex. Cadwell is in the employ of the Vermont Marble Co., Proctor, Vt., Haydon is teaching at Schroon Lake, N. Y., and Whitnèy is in the employ of ex-Gov. Page at Hyde Park, Vt.

The Middlebury *Register* has made the interesting discovery that Addison county produced the original young man to whom Horace Greeley gave his famous advice, "Go West, young man." That man was J. B. Grinnell, who was born in New Haven, Vt., in 1821. He was given the honorary degree A. M. by Middlebury in 1849, went West and founded the town of Grinnell, Ia., which is the home of Iowa College. He was a member of the thirty-eighth Congress and very prominent in State politics.

NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET.

The first banquet of the Alumni of Middlebury College resident in the city of New York and vicinity occurred at Delmonico's Saturday evening, March 26, and was a great success. Three spacious rooms were at the disposal of the Middlebury men, and by eight o'clock were full. Every man as he entered was greeted by a hearty but rather unconventional welcome, and it was evident from the start

would not be too much to say that probably the college has never had a faster infield.

Rice, the manager, will be in left field, and he is playing his usual good game. The other two fields will be attended to by Bailey and Stafford, two Freshmen who have been doing excellent work.

If no accidents happen, the team should give a good account of itself. Middlebury's fatal weakness has generally come from lack of condition, but that cannot be urged as an excuse this year. Captain Wells has been giving the men hard practice every day and they should be able to go through any game without giving out. Coach "Stick" Aldrich, of last year's Vergennes and Barre teams, has been getting the players to do fast and clean work in the field, while the battery under his direction has greatly improved.

Manager Rice has arranged an unusually good list of games, as can be seen from the schedule that follows:

April 23—Pittsford at Middlebury.
April 30—R. E. C. I. at Middlebury.
May 5—Norwich University at Middlebury.
May 7—Proctor at Proctor.
May 10—V. M. S. at Montpelier.
May 11—Norwich University at Northfield.
May 14—Westport at Middlebury.
May 21—Westport at Westport.
May 23—Yale Law School at Middlebury.
May 27—R. E. C. I. at Rutland.
May 28—Cuban X Giants at North Adams.
May 30—Union at Schenectady.
May 31—Gillam Athletic Club at Canajoharie.
June 1—St. Johns Military Academy at Manlius.
June 2—Syracuse at Syracuse.
June 6—Vermont Academy at Middlebury.
June 6—Proctor at Middlebury.

Preparations for the annual College and Inter-scholastic Athletic meet are being rapidly made. Several college men have been doing quiet practice during the winter and will be able to smash a few records. The track is getting into good condition by alternate rolling and rain, and a jumping pit is being put in. The following letter has been sent to the preparatory schools of this region:

MIDDLEBURY, April 21, 1898.

Dear Sir:—The second annual meeting of the Middlebury College Inter-scholastic Athletic association will be held at the College Athletic grounds in Middlebury on Friday, June 3,* at two o'clock p. m. The following events will be upon the programme: 100 yards dash, 220 yards dash, 440 yards dash, one-half mile run, 120 yards hurdle race, running high jump, running broad jump, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, pole vault. A championship cup is offered to the school winning the greatest number of points in all events, and individual prizes will be given to the winners of first and second places in each event. The first place will count five points and the second three. Should the afternoon prove stormy, the meet will occur on the following day. Your school is very cordially invited to send representatives to attend this meeting, and we should be glad to have you present this programme to your students at an early date, should it meet with your approval. Only those students are eligible to compete who have been in regular attendance at their respective schools since the beginning of the winter term. All entries must be made not later than Saturday, May 28. Communications may be addressed to Prof. Ernest C. Bryant.

*The date of the Middlebury College Field Day, on which the College students will compete in a separate series of events.

LOCALS.

President Brainerd preached at Shoreham Easter Sunday.

Miss Whitney, '98, visited Miss Hurlburt, ex-'97, at Burlington, on April 23.

Halpin, '98, delivered an oration at the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Bristol.

Mrs. Wm. Jackson and Miss Allen, '98, entertained the members of the senior class at the former's home, March 22.

Miss Pollard, '96, gave a reception to the graduating class of the M. H. S. last Thursday evening at Hammond Hall.

The Alpha Chi sorosity gave a reception to the members of the faculty April 22. Miss Verder, '95, and Miss Ross, '95, were present.

Houghton, 1900, has volunteered for the Cuban war and has been ordered to Burlington. He is a member of the Fuller battery, of Brattleboro, every man of which volunteered.

The sophomore class has passed resolutions thanking Prof. Sanford for the favors shown them during the convention of Latin teachers, and a copy of these resolutions, signed by all the members of the class, has been presented to him.

Hon. E. J. Phelps, '40. Mr. Phelps' letter was as follows:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., March 23, 1898.

MY DEAR PROFESSOR KELLOGG:

It is with no ordinary regret that I find myself compelled to decline the invitation conveyed in such cordial terms in your note of yesterday.

I have been obliged of late, by increasing engagements and failing powers, to decline all invitations to similar occasions, even in the university with which I am connected. Had it been possible I should certainly have made this an exception. Though I graduated from Middlebury College at eighteen years old, I have continued to realize more and more as life has worn away the great value of the instruction I received there. I am still loyal to the old college, and I rejoice to hear of its present prosperity. I beg that you will do me the favor to explain to those of its friends and alumni who are present the reason of my absence—compelled and not voluntary.

Always, my dear sir,

Very sincerely yours,

Prof. Brainerd Kellogg. E. J. PHELPS.

The reading of this letter by Colonel Walker was enthusiastically received.

And so, about midnight, the first annual banquet of the New York alumni came to a close, every one voting it a great success. Much praise is due to the gentlemen who took time out of their busy days in a busy city to do the preliminary and executive work.

OBITUARY.

J. AVERY SHEPHERD.

Rev. Dr. J. Avery Shepherd, the oldest Episcopal minister in California and one of the best known churchmen on the Pacific coast, died from paralysis at Santa Rosa on the 30th of March. His funeral was one of the largest and most memorable in the history of Santa Rosa.

Dr. Shepherd was born in Brandon, Vt., August 26, 1816. He spent several of his younger years in Brazil with his father, where he learned the South American languages. After his father's death at Rio Janeiro, he returned to Vermont, prepared for college and was graduated from Middlebury in 1838. Among his classmates were Rev. Dr. Sunderland and William E. Bascom of Washington, D. C.; Edgar P. Wadhams, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ogdensburgh, and Dr. J. G. Wellington of Middlebury. Soon after graduation he become president of St. Andrew's College, Mississippi. While there he married Miss Evelyn Turner of Baltimore. Dr. Shepherd taught school in Kentucky and North Carolina, and also opened the first educational institution for women in California. He was ordained a priest of the Church by Bishop Smith.

Dr. Shepherd was teaching a ladies' school in Montgomery, Ala., when the civil war broke out, and continued his school throughout the war. He acted as Chaplain in the Confederate congress at the time when Jefferson Davis's inaugural was read, but was not the clergyman who administered the oath to the Confederate president, as has been stated. In 1876 Dr. Shepherd became rector of the Church of the Incarnation at Santa Rosa, Cal., retiring four years ago as rector emeritus.

EZRA WRIGHT SHERMAN.

We can do no better than quote a letter of his classmate, Hon. E. J. Phelps, to the *Burlington Free Press*.

The death of Mr. E. W. Sherman, which took place on the 30th of March last at Abercorn in Canada, ought not, I think, to pass without a few words in his memory. He was a native or at least a life-long resident of Vermont, until a few years ago when he removed just across the line into Canada. He was a graduate of Middlebury college in the class of 1840, in which he had no superior, and after graduation and a year passed as a teacher in Alabama, studied law and was admitted to the Vermont bar. It was to that profession that he hoped to devote himself. But within a year or two after he entered it his health gave way, a misfortune at that day more frequent among promising students than it is now, and being naturally of a delicate constitution it soon became apparent that he could live no other than an out of door life. He withdrew, therefore, from professional business and removed to Montgomery, in Franklin county, where he bought a considerable tract of land, and resided there as a farmer and landlord all the remaining days of his life, until his removal before mentioned.

If Mr. Sherman had been able to pursue his professional career, there can be no doubt that he would have reached its high places, for he possessed those qualities of intellect and character out of which the best lawyers are made. But this for him was not to be, and he cheerfully accepted the stern necessity which excluded it, and found a compensa-